

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A passenger air bag system for a vehicle, comprising:

an air bag housing mountable to a front of an instrument panel;

an inflator provided in the air bag housing to discharge gas when a collision of the vehicle occurs;

a cushion accommodated in the air bag housing such that the cushion is expanded toward a passenger seated in a passenger seat by the gas discharged from the inflator;

a retainer attached to the air bag housing to support the cushion;

a diffuser bag fixed to an inlet part of the cushion, the diffuser bag receiving gas through the inlet part of the cushion and comprising a plurality of gas-discharging holes formed at both sides thereof to discharge gas introduced thereinto into the cushion; and

a single gas-guiding hole provided on the retainer;

wherein the diffuser bag further comprises:

a main body formed in the shape of a pocket to receive gas;

an inlet part formed at the main body to receive gas introduced into the main body therethrough; and

a gas-discharging opening formed at one side of the main body to

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discharge gas received in the main body in a prescribed direction;

wherein the main body of the diffuser bag comprises:

an upper panel forming an upper part of the main body; and

a lower panel attached to a lower side of the upper panel by sewing to define a chamber therein together with the upper panel;

wherein the upper panel has a gas-discharging hole formed therein, the lower panel has another gas-discharging hole formed therein, and the gas-discharging hole of the upper panel corresponds to the gas-discharging hole of the lower panel.

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4. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 [[3]], wherein the upper panel and the lower panel are sewn to each other at their outer edges.

5. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 [[3]], wherein the upper panel and the lower panel are made of fibrous material.

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8. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 [[3]], wherein each of the upper panel and the lower panel comprises a plurality of gas-discharging holes.

9. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 [[2]], wherein the entrance of the diffuser bag is defined between one end of the upper panel and one end of the lower panel.

10. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 9, wherein the ends of the upper panel and the lower panel are separated from each other.

11. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 10, wherein the ends of the upper panel and the lower panel are attached to the inlet part of the cushion by sewing.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The system as set forth in claim 2,~~

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an inflator provided in the air bag housing to discharge gas when a collision of the vehicle occurs;

a cushion accommodated in the air bag housing such that the cushion is expanded toward a passenger seated in a passenger seat by the gas discharged from the inflator;

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a retainer attached to the air bag housing to support the cushion;

a diffuser bag fixed to an inlet part of the cushion, the diffuser bag receiving gas through the inlet part of the cushion and comprising a plurality of gas-discharging holes formed at both sides thereof to discharge gas introduced thereinto into the cushion; and

a single gas-guiding hole provided on the retainer;

wherein the diffuser bag further comprises:

a main body formed in the shape of a pocket to receive gas;

an inlet part formed at the main body to receive gas introduced into the main body therethrough; and

a gas-discharging opening formed at one side of the main body to discharge gas received in the main body in a prescribed direction;

wherein the gas-discharging opening is configured to discharge gas in a direction opposite to a direction of eccentric expansion of the cushion.

13. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 [[2]], wherein the gas-discharging opening is formed by cutting an edge of the diffuser bag.

14. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 13, wherein the main body of the diffuser bag is provided with a pressure-releasing opening to prevent from increasing pressure inside the main body above a prescribed limit.

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15. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 14, wherein the pressure-releasing opening is formed at an edge of the main body of the diffuser bag.

16. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 15, wherein the pressure-releasing opening is formed by not sewing the upper panel and the lower panel.